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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
(EXCISE)

EXCISE POLICY FOR THE YEAR 2022-23 i.e. FROM 01.10.2022 TO 30.09.2023
IN RESPECT OF SHOPS.

[G.O.Ms.No.662, Revenue (Excise), 30th September, 2022.]

PROHIBITION & EXCISE POLICY FOR THE YEAR 2022-23
IN RESPECT OF SHOPS (RETAIL OUTLETS)

The Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby formulate the following Excise Policy for the year 2022-23 in respect of retail liquor Shops.

1. In pursuance of the Government's avowed policy of reduction in the consumption of alcohol levels in the State, the Government have taken several pro active measures such as removal of belt shops, dispensing with permit rooms, which are meant for consumption of liquor in the vicinity of shops, removal of private persons from the retailing by shop etc.
2. Further, the A.P. State Beverages Corporation Limited has been granted exclusive privilege of retailing of IMFL and FL by the shop from the appointed date i.e. 01.10.2019. Accordingly, the Government in G.O.Ms.No.373 Revenue (Ex-II) Dept. dated 22.08.2019 have issued Excise Policy for the year 2019-20 i.e., from 01.10.2019 to 30.09.2020 in respect of retail liquor shops and licence period of the shops shall be from 01.10.2019 to 30.09.2020. Further, the Government in G.O.Ms.No.133 Revenue (Ex-II) Dept. dated 09.05.2020 have reduced the number of shops to 2934 i.e. by about 33%.

3. The APSBCL shall be continued with exclusive privilege of retailing of IMFL & FL through the retail outlets fixed by the Government subject to the provisions of A.P. Excise (Grant of licence of selling by Shop and conditions of licence) Rules, 2019.
4. The same number of Shops i.e., (2934), shall be fixed for the year 2022-23.
5. The licence period of the Shops shall be one year as contemplated in A.P. Excise (Grant of licence of selling by shop and conditions of licence) Rules, 2019 for the year 2022-23 i.e., from 01.10.2022 to 30.09.2023.
6. The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise shall be permitted to renew the existing Retail Outlets run by the APSBCL under Rule 8 of the A.P. Excise (Grant of licence of selling by shop and conditions of licence) Rules, 2019 on payment of annual licence fee.
7. No Shop shall be permitted / renewed on the road from Tirupathi Railway Station to Alipiri via RTC Bus Stand, Leelamahal circle, Nandi circle, Vishnu Nivasam, Srinivasam. Likewise, no Shop shall be permitted on the road from Leelamahal - Nandi circle - Alipiri - SVRR Hospital - SVIMS in Tirupathi Municipal Corporation area.
8. The APSBCL shall be permitted to establish walk-in shops (Elite Shops) in the State as per the requirement but without any change in the number of retail outlets permitted.
9. The provisions contained in the A.P. Excise (Grant of licence of selling by shop and conditions of licence) Rules 2019, as amended from time to time, shall govern the establishment/renewal and operation of the Shops by the APSBCL.
10. Intensive campaign shall be taken up to educate the public on the evils of consumption of liquor and other intoxicants.
11. Implementation of Track and Trace along with Holograms shall be continued and electric / digital modes of payments may be introduced in all the Shops for transparency in sale transactions to prevent irregularities.
12. The AP Tourism Development Corporation shall be permitted to establish liquor outlets / walk-in-shops in Tourism Facilitation Centers (TFCs) in consultation / co-ordination with the APSBCL subject to the provisions of A.P. Excise (Grant of licence of selling by shop and conditions of licence) Rules 2019.
13. The directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India issued from time to time on the sale of liquor on Highways shall be strictly followed.
14. The MD, APSBCL shall be permitted to shift the Shops including those located in TFCs as and when required depending upon the viability.

5. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, A.P. and the Commissioner of Distilleries and Breweries & Managing Director, A.P. State Beverages Corporation Limited (APSBCL), shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

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